

**STUDENT SUCCESS AND SCHOOL DIVERSITY FEATURED AT
2ND ANNUAL AEA SHOWCASE (WITH PARADE OF NATIONS)**

DATE: Friday, June 9

TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
**Of Special Note: Parade of Nations at 5:50 p.m.*

LOCATION: PPL Plaza
9th and Hamilton Streets
**In the event of inclement weather, Monument Plaza
645 W. Hamilton Street*

BRIEFLY:

This year, Showcase '06 will feature 17 performance groups and 30 school displays. In addition, a new feature called the "Parade of Nations" has been added to the venue. Starting at 5:50 p.m., the Parade at 9th & Hamilton will feature 52 large flags carried by two or three students from each of Allentown's 22 public schools. The flags beautifully express the diversity and cultures living and working together in the City of Allentown and represent those countries whose children ASD serves.

The Showcase begins at 3:50 p.m. with the William Allen High School ROTC, under Master Sergeant Borland, and will end with Latino Dancers performance at approximately 8:10 p.m. "We hope the public will not only support this effort but come to enjoy the talents shared by our students," says Abe Karahoca. "We have created a "vehicle" to share the student success who go to our schools and live in this great city. Remember, our students originate from 43 countries and speak 26 languages, so a unifying, culminating activity is in order."

The DaVinci Center staff will display hands-on science activities, and COPS 'N KIDS will again participate as well. The public is encouraged to donate a children's book in bins provided.

Displayed on tables and panels extending all the way around the PPL Plaza in downtown Allentown, will be hundreds of exhibits of artwork, winning essays, poetry, science projects, Club activities, and more.

As visitors travel from exhibit to exhibit, middle school jazz students will perform in the Band Shell, and a Mexican dance group, beautifully dressed in authentic white and lace costumes, will present their rhythms. Refreshments are available.

Elementary school children will perform step dance routines, play bell chime performances and deliver oratory as they are dressed in neckties and "Sunday" dresses.

Guest speakers and award presentations will be sprinkled throughout the event.

Designed and organized by the Allentown Education Association, the Showcase allows visitors a glimpse of the work, talent and successes of Allentown School District's students, faculty and staff. Every school is participating, and the performance schedule, which runs four hours, moves quickly.

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